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EXAMINING GROUP 2153**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Brancolini, John R.
Group/Art Unit: 2153
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Title: Mechanism and Apparatus
for Accessing and
Addressing Services in a
Distributed Computing
Environment

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 21, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of October 21, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.